

## **Bob Haberman, Number 9 Hay**

*Note: these are notes taken during Mr. Haberman's presentation, not transcripts*

Bob Haberman and his brother have operated their farm: Number 9 Hay since 1993 and they also operate a young export company.

Timothy Hay is their main crop, both in terms of production and export. About 90% of their exports of Timothy – about 55,000 tonnes go to Japan and Korea. However they do also produce and export alfalfa hay, both conventional and GM. Most of their alfalfa hay exports are also to Japan and Korea, with some to Taiwan, to dairy markets.

Japanese dairy market customers specifically request Roundup Ready Alfalfa hay. They want absolutely clean and pure alfalfa hay - free of all weeds, especially large stemmed grasses.

Number 9 Hay employs stringent management and isolation practices for both the GM and conventional hay that they produce. They require, by contract, the same practices from their outside hay suppliers.